

**THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE CONVEYANCE AND TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LAND TRACTS
ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
AND LOCATED AT
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY,
LOS ALAMOS AND SANTA FE COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO**

Section 102 (c) of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) states that all Federal agencies shall prepare a detailed statement for major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published the Conveyance and Transfer Environmental Impact Statement (CT EIS) Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* (FR) on May 6, 1998 (63 FR 25022), which identified possible issues and alternatives to be analyzed. The DOE then held a series of public meetings during the scoping period to provide opportunities for stakeholders to identify issues, environmental concerns, and alternatives that should be analyzed in the CT EIS. The results of comments received during the scoping period are summarized at the end of Chapter 1 of the CT EIS; these comments were used to shape the CT EIS analysis and are incorporated as appropriate and to the extent practicable within the CT EIS.

The Draft CT EIS was distributed to interested stakeholders for comment in February 1999. Public hearings were conducted within the 45-day comment period following issuance of the draft document and the publication of the Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register* (38 FR 9438) on February 26, 1999. Oral and written comments were accepted, and these were considered for use in making changes to the Draft CT EIS, as appropriate. The Final CT EIS includes responses to comments received on the Draft CT EIS in Appendix H. The DOE will prepare one or more Records of Decision (ROD[s]) no sooner than 30 days after the Final CT EIS Notice of Availability is published in the *Federal Register*. The ROD(s) will describe the rationale used for the DOE's selection of an alternative or portions of the alternatives. Following the issuance of a ROD, a Mitigation Action Plan also may be issued to describe any mitigation measures that the DOE commits to in concert with its decision(s).